

I certify this correspondence was deposited with the
United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first
class mail in an envelope addressed to:
Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

12/04/02

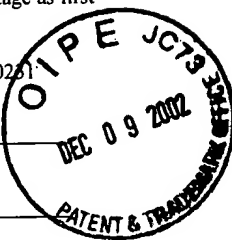
Date of Deposit

Richard K. Clark

Name of Applicant, Assignee or
Registered Representative

Richard K. Clark

Signature



select
S/A
12/13/02
OK

Our File No. 9281/3943
N US 00069

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

YASUHIRO NISHIYAMA ET AL.

Serial No. 09/834,085

Filing Date: April 12, 2001

For THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD
COMPRISING SiON FILM (*As Amended*)

RECEIVED

DEC 12 2002

Examiner W. Klimowicz
Technology Center 2600

Group Art Unit No. 2652

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 30, 2002, Applicants have timely filed this Response to Restriction/Election Requirement by Certificate of Mailing with a one-month time extension.

Applicants elect Group II (Claims 1-14) and Specie I (Thin Film Magnetic Heaving having an SiON gap layer corresponding to Claims 1-12) for the present application.

In addition, please amend the title to read --Thin Film Magnetic Head Comprising SiON Film --.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard K. Clark

Richard K. Clark
Registration No. 40,560
Attorney for Applicants

BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE
P.O. BOX 10395
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610
(312) 321-4200